



Tiny Tots Co-operative Nursery School

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Dear council members

Tiny Tots would like to thank you again for your support during Covid by approving space at the Rodney Recreation Centre for us to operate our nursery school program from. Everything is going very well, and our enrollment is near full.

Enquiries have been made regarding Tiny Tots moving back to Aldborough Public School for the fall of 2021 and as of this time, no answer has been given. We understand that it is difficult to make decisions during the pandemic when situations change so rapidly.

In the meantime, to safeguard our operations Tiny Tots would like to respectfully ask for an extension for the use of space at the recreation centre, as a backup plan. As you know, we were not able to find any other suitable location for us to operate from for the 20/21 school year and the licensing process takes a considerable amount of time. The Child and Family Centre proposed build at the school is still "on the books" at this time and we look forward to having a permanent home again.

If we must find another temporary location, we would need to begin searching now in order not to disrupt our schedule of offering licensed childcare for families from September to June each year. Our families were disrupted in 2019 with having to vacate the old town hall and again in 2020 with having to vacate Aldborough Public School due to Covid. It is in the best interest of our families not to have any more disruptions.

Also, Tiny Tots was successful in their recent RFP submission and has been awarded the bid to operate the EarlyON Child and Family Centre programs in western Elgin County starting this March, making it even more vital to have a stable location. Depending on government and health unit recommendations during the pandemic, programs will be offered virtually, outdoors and in approved locations throughout Dutton, West Lorne and Rodney. Tiny Tots is currently advertising for an additional Registered Early Childhood Educator to fulfill our obligations under our contract with St Thomas Elgin Children's Services. Thank you for your time to consider this request.

Sincerely,

Shelley Smith

Supervisor/RECE

Tiny Tots Co-op Nursery School of Aldborough Inc.